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1. Until May 1953 there were two MVD/MGB Directorates operating in Magadan [N 59-34, E 150-48]. One was the MVD Directorate in Charge of Construction in the Far North (Upravleniye MVD po Stroitelstvu Dalnego Severa) and the other was the MGB Directorate in the Far North, City of Magadan (Upravleniye MGB na Dalnem Severe, gorod Magadan). These Directorates functioned as separate units.
2. After the MGB and the MVD were formed into one ministry, and after GULAG was transferred to the Ministry of Justice, the two Magadan Directorates were combined into one directorate - the MVD Directorate in the Far North (Upravleniye MVD na Dalnem Severe).
3. There was always a shortage of both staff and non-staff personnel at Magadan installations and, for this reason, persons being separated from the MVD by reason of reduction in force, such as Guard Directorate personnel in May and June 1952, or persons given low efficiency ratings, or those being disciplined for excessive drinking, promiscuity, or violation of Party regulations, were often given the choice of being dismissed or accepting an assignment in Magadan. At the same time, a number of persons would volunteer for this duty because of the double-pay and double-longevity credit. This was especially true of persons desiring to complete a minimum longevity requirement for retirement from the service. Because of the rigorous climate and lack of good facilities, most persons went there without their families. In general, Magadan and Vorkuta were considered the least desirable assignments in the MVD/MGB complex.

4.
 there was no foreign intelligence section in
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